

# GILCOMSTON

**Sunday, 26 April 2020**

Today's preacher is:  
Rev Jerry Middleton

*...that you may know him better...*

**Ephesians 1:17(NIV)**

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The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen

# CALENDAR FOR MAY

*The dates below assume Lockdown finishes on 7 May. If it continues, items in italics will not run. Services will continue to be broadcast on the internet and meetings will take place via Zoom.*

## **Sundays 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st**

*Woodend Hospital Service at 9.30am  
(not 3rd)*

Morning Service 11am

*Prayer at 6pm in the Upper Hall (not 3rd)*

Evening Service 6.30pm

## **Tuesdays 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th**

Lunchtime Service 12.45pm

## **Wednesdays 13th, 20th, 27th**

*mainly music at 10am in the Hall*

## **Thursdays 14th, 21st, 28th**

*Coffee and Chat Outreach at 12.30pm*

## **Fridays 15th, 22nd, 29th**

*Babies and Toddlers at 10am in the Hall*

## **Saturdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th**

Prayer Meeting at 7pm in the Hall

Also

5th Leadership Team Meeting at 7pm

10th *Service at 3pm at Short Loanings*  
Youth Group at 4pm on Zoom

12th Deacons' Meeting at 7.30pm

15th Youth Group at 7pm on Zoom

16th Elders' Meeting at 10am

24th Youth Group at 4pm on Zoom

31st *Service at 2.45pm at Strachan Mill Court*

All Church Services (Sunday and Tuesday) will only be available on the home page of our website, on Facebook or YouTube.

Prayer Meetings will take place via Zoom (please download Zoom Cloud Meetings to your smart phone or open a free account on your computer, then email [rosie.mckie@gilcomston.org](mailto:rosie.mckie@gilcomston.org) to be placed on the mailing list).

# MORNING

## **Behold the amazing gift of love**

the Father has bestowed  
on us, the sinful sons of men,  
to call us sons of God!

Concealed as yet this honour lies,  
by this dark world unknown,  
a world that knew not, when He came,  
God's own eternal Son.

High is the rank we now possess,  
but higher we shall rise;  
though what we shall hereafter be  
is hidden from our eyes.

Our souls, we know, when He appears,  
shall bear His image bright;  
for all His glory, full disclosed,  
shall open to our sight.

A hope so great and so divine  
may trials well endure,  
and purify our souls from sin,  
as Christ Himself is pure.

*Scottish Paraphrases 1781 Based on Isaac  
Watts 1674-1748*

## **My God is so big,**

so strong and so mighty,  
there's nothing that He cannot do.  
My God is so big,

so strong and so mighty,  
there's nothing that He cannot do.

The mountains are His,  
The rivers are His,

The stars are His handiwork too.

My God is so big,  
so strong and so mighty,  
there's nothing that He cannot do.

My God is so big,  
so strong and so mighty,  
there's nothing that He cannot do.

My God is so big,  
so strong and so mighty,  
there's nothing that He cannot do.

He's called you to live  
for him every day,  
in all that you say and you do.

My God is so big,  
so strong and so mighty,  
there's nothing that he cannot do.

*Phil Burt © 1986 Phil Burt*

**Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,**  
breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
to renew my heart  
and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;  
give me faith for what I cannot see;  
give me passion for Your purity.  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;  
may Your joy be seen in all I do—  
love enough to cover ev'ry sin  
in each thought  
and deed and attitude,  
kindness to the greatest and the least,  
gentleness that sows  
the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace.  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
giving life to all that God has made,  
show your power  
once again on earth;  
cause Your church  
to hunger for Your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
that in unity the face of Christ  
will be clear for all the world to see.

*Keith and Kristyn Getty © 2006 Thankyou  
Music*

**Lord, be my vision,  
supreme in my heart;**  
bid every rival give way and depart;  
You my best thought  
in the day and the night,  
waking or sleeping,  
Your presence my light.

Lord, be my wisdom,  
and be my true word;  
I ever with You  
and You with me, Lord;  
You my great Father  
and I Your true son,  
You in me living  
and I with You one.

Lord, be my shield  
and my sword for the fight;  
be my strong armour  
for You are my might:  
You are my shelter  
and You my high tower;  
raising me heav'nward,  
O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not,  
nor earth's empty praise;  
You my inheritance now and always;  
all of Your treasure to me You impart,  
High King of heaven,  
the first in my heart!

High King of heaven,  
when victory is won,  
may I reach heaven's joys,  
O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Ancient Irish, tr. Mary Byrne © 1993 Kevin  
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# EVENING

**Through all the changing scenes  
of life,**

in trouble and in joy,  
the praises of my God shall still  
my heart and tongue employ.

O magnify the Lord with me,  
with me exalt His name;  
when in distress to Him I called,  
He to my rescue came.

Of His deliverance I will boast  
till all that are distressed  
take comfort from God's help to me  
and find in Him their rest.

The hosts of God encamp around  
the dwellings of the just;  
deliverance He provides for all  
who in His mercy trust.

O taste His goodness,  
prove His love!  
Experience will decide  
how blessed are they,  
and only they,  
who in His truth confide.

Fear Him, you saints,  
and you will then  
have nothing else to fear;  
His service shall be your delight,  
your needs shall be His care.

*Nahum Tate 1652-1715, Nicholas Brady  
1659-1726*

**By faith we see the hand of God;**  
in the light of creation's grand design  
in the lives of those  
who prove His faithfulness;  
who walk by faith and not by sight.  
*We will stand as children  
of the promise;  
we will fix our eyes on Him,  
our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished  
and the work is done;  
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith our fathers roamed the earth,  
with the power of His promise  
in their hearts  
of a Holy City  
built by God's own hand:  
a place where peace and justice reign.  
*We will stand...*

By faith the prophets saw a day  
when the longed for Messiah  
would appear  
with the power to break the chains  
of sin and death  
and rise triumphant from the grave.  
*We will stand...*

By faith the church was called to go;  
and the power of the Spirit to the lost;  
to deliver captives  
and to preach good news,  
in every corner of the earth.  
*We will stand...*

By faith this mountain shall be moved  
and the power of the gospel  
shall prevail;  
for we know in Christ  
all things are possible  
for all who call upon His name.  
*We will stand...*

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**Soldiers of Christ, arise**

and put your armour on,  
strong in the strength which God supplies  
through His eternal Son.  
Strong in the Lord of hosts  
and in His mighty power,  
who in the strength of Jesus trusts  
is more than conqueror.

Stand then in His great might  
with all His strength endued;  
and take, to arm you for the fight,  
the weapons of our God.  
To keep your armour bright  
attend with constant care,  
still walking in your captain's sight  
and keeping watch with prayer.

From strength to strength go on:  
wrestle and fight and pray;  
tread all the powers of darkness down  
and win the well-fought day:  
till, having all things done  
and all your conflicts past,  
you overcome through Christ alone  
and stand complete at last.

*Charles Wesley 1707-88*